

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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June 25, 2023

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Zion Activities this Week

Sunday, June 25

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)

10:45 am ~ Sunday School: John David sharing
faith journey & life story

Church reserved for a wedding

Thursday, June 29

6:30 am ~ Men's Prayer

7:00 pm ~ AA (310)

Friday, June 23 ~ *Office closed*

Sunday, July 2

9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)

10:45 am ~ Sunday School

Office News

- ~ Sue will be out of the office on Monday, June 26th.
- ~ Dan will be on vacation June 19th through July 2nd.
- ~ The office will be closed July 3rd and 4th for the holiday.



Order of Service

Prelude ~ 1AD

Welcome & Announcements ~ Suz Wirick

Interlude ~ 1AD

Call to Worship & Prayer ~ Suz Wirick

Hymn ~ 1AD

“I Am Weak And I Need Thy Strength” (HWB 553)

Children's Story ~ Barb Yoder

Offering/Offertory ~ Suz/1AD

Special Music ~ 1AD ~ “In These Last Days”

Scripture ~ Romans 12:14-21; 13:1

Sermon ~ John David Thacker

Hymn ~ 1AD

“My Soul Is Filled With Joy” (STJ 13)

Prayer for Church & World ~ Sue Short

Benediction ~ John David

Sending Hymn ~ 1AD

“Soon And Very Soon” (HWB 611)

Happy Birthday:

June 25 ~ Brianne Short, Trevor Short

June 26 ~ Roger Crossgrove, Lowell Yoder

Happy Anniversary

June 25 - Cal & Cheryl Britsch (51)

June 29 - Lynn & Anita Roth (21)

June 29 - Stan & Sue (33)

July 1 - Phil & Lynette Bontrager (34)

**By God's Grace, Zion Mennonite Church will be a House of Peace where all people
are invited to share Christ's love with each other and the world.**

Collaborative Ministry Team Pastor-Candidate Weekend- June 24th & 25th

Saturday June 24th

- Meet & Greets for anyone interested- Sign-Ups on Table in Fellowship Hall (Please sign-up to attend only one of these)
 - o Meet and greet session #1 3:30pm- 4:30pm
 - o Meet and greet Session #2 4:45pm- 5:45pm
 - o Meet and greet session #3 6:00pm- 7:00pm

Sunday June 25th

- 9:30am- Worship in Sanctuary- John David giving the message
- 10:45am- John David Sharing Faith Journey & Life Story
 - o Time will be reserved for Q&A

Procedure for voting:

- A congregational vote on extending an invitation to John David to join the Collaborative Ministry Team will take place at the end of the worship service on Sunday July 2nd.
 - o You may vote in person by completing a ballot and turning it in at the end of the service.
 - o You may vote in person, by placing your ballot in the box on the table in the fellowship hall.
 - o You may vote via telephone by calling the church office and leaving a message on the voicemail.
 - o You may vote via telephone by calling Micah Frankenfield at 215-896-5329.
- Voting will close at Noon on Sunday July 9th
- Votes will be tabulated, and results announced in the Newsletter on July 13th

Meet John David Thacker

I am a graduate of Goshen College and Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. I was pastor of Prince of Peace Mennonite Church in Anchorage, Alaska for 14 years, and I have served with many Mennonite organizations including Mennonite Central Committee, Mennonite Mission Network, Mennonite Disaster Service, Meserete Kristos College (Ethiopia), Camp Luz, Drift Creek Camp, Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp, Laurelville Retreat Center, and Virginia Mennonite Missions.

I have received training from and participated in the Sent Network, a church-planting initiative of Mennonite Mission Network (MMN), as well as MMN's Missional Discipleship Initiative.

Youth development is another special focus for me. In addition to my work in church camping ministries, I have worked for or volunteered with youth-serving organizations like Volunteers of America, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, the Boys and Girls Club, and Parachutes Teen Club.

I am currently serving in a year-long chaplaincy residency at St. Mary's Medical Center in Huntington, West Virginia. I will complete four units of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) in August 2023.

The Gospels, especially the Sermon on Mount, are core texts for me. They show us the vision that Jesus has for bringing healing and hope to the world. They also show us our place in that mission—as disciples of Jesus and ministers of reconciliation. We are called to be a people of God and a community centered in Jesus.

I believe that as a pastor, my calling is to teach and preach from the scriptures, to model a life of discipleship and to make disciples, to tend to the needs of the congregation and the people and families who make up that congregation. It has also been important to me to be active in the local community; the church is called to serve its neighbors and to witness to the love that God has for the world—in the way we treat one another and in the love we show to others..

I look forward to meeting you soon and learning more about Zion and Archbold. God bless you and keep you.



July Worship

“*Come to the Water*”

Many of us enjoy spending time on or near the water in the summer. There's something calming about water which seems to ground us and connect us to God's presence. We know our physical bodies need water to survive, but perhaps our souls do, as well. This summer, we'll look at a few of the themes involving water that are present in scripture. How does water represent God's good creation, God's protection, and God's intention for shalom? What is our relationship to water today? Our scripture focus for July 2nd is Revelation 22:1-19.

Thank you

A HUGE thank you for all the donated items (and the water bottles) for the neighborhood garage sale this week! We had an outstanding assortment of treasures. I am so grateful for all of the willing and hard workers who helped to make this sale a success - those who spent hours organizing the donations, those who showed up to carry all the tables and items outside in the morning or back in the evening, those who cheerfully staffed the sale, and those who helped load and transport the leftover items to Care and Share. It was such a fun experience to meet and interact with folks from the neighborhood and the community! ~ Sue Short

Zion, Thank you so much for the bowl, I can't wait to use it at college. I am so thankful for all of the memories I have gotten to make growing up at Zion. I will always be reminded of all of you while I'm at college. Thank you for all of your prayers. I'm so grateful for everything. Thanks again for all of your support. ~ Ellie Grieser

New Announcements

On the Level announcement: The June edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: volunteer work in Red Lake, Minnesota is empowering Native American homeowners; a new video features a unique program at Lancaster Mennonite School; and with open arms, there are new accommodations for volunteers in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. **Click on this link to read more:** <https://conta.cc/3PnlVBu>

Homemade Ice Cream Social: Zion Lutheran Church is having an ice cream social on July 16th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Menu includes hot chicken sandwiches, hot dogs, cheesy potatoes, coleslaw, baked beans, potato chips, pie & cake, beverages, and of course ice cream! Food is by a freewill donation and carryout is available. (20-141 County Road X, Ridgeville Corners)

Prayers for the Global Church

Mennonite Education Agency:

Goshen (Ind.) College: Pray for Goshen College's Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center as they host "Microgreens Made Easy."

Bethel College, North Newton (Kan.): Pray for the Bethel College staff and faculty members taking part in the 2023 Truth, Racial Healing, and Transformation summer training.

Mennonite Mission Network:

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Jae Young Lee and Karen Spicher, and their four children, as they minister in South Korea. Pray for Jae, as he serves as the executive director of Northeast Asia Regional Peacebuilding Institute (NARPI) and Korea Peacebuilding Institute, and pray for Karen as she works as NARPI's communications coordinator.

June is our month to collect items for the Archbold Fish Food Pantry. Below is a current list of needed items, but all items are welcome. Monetary donations are also welcome.

- Pineapple
- Mandarin oranges
- Diced tomatoes*
- Tomato paste*
- Mushrooms
- Canola or vegetable oil
- Refried beans
- Spaghetti sauce*
- Canned meat
- Sugar
- Crackers
- Sugar-free items
- Gluten-free items
- Toilet paper
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Dish soap
- Paper towel
- Cleaning supplies*

* Desperately needed item

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...but never the last word

This has been quite the week! I'm guessing you can relate. We've all had weeks when it felt like we couldn't squeeze in one more thing if we tried. Sometimes, our schedules are beyond our control. At other times, we choose to keep adding more and more to our own plates until we are overloaded. One of the practices I'm trying to be more intentional about is being a better steward of my need for rest. As a chronic overfunctioner, and someone who hates to let others down, I find it easy to pile my plate too full. When I do this, I can become irritable, unfocused, stressed, and generally unpleasant to be around. Just ask my Stan or our children or Dan or Bethany!

It's been helpful to think more about 'future me' as I consider whether to add something else to my plate. In the short term, it is difficult for me to say 'no' to things that I am passionate about and really want to do. Several times in the past year, for example, I was invited to be a part of a worship or retreat planning team for an event. It was a struggle to pass on these opportunities! As I did so, however, I reminded myself that I was carrying a heavy seminary course load. I also reminded myself that 'future me' would thank me for this. And in each case, when the time rolled around for these events, I was extremely grateful that I had not overcommitted myself.

Sandra Dalton-Smith MD has written about what she calls "The 7 Types of Rest that Every Person Needs." You can find her article at this link: <https://ideas.ted.com/the-7-types-of-rest-that-every-person-needs/> Her premise is that humans need restoration in seven areas: 1) Physical Rest, 2) Mental Rest, 3) Sensory Rest, 4) Creative Rest, 5) Emotional Rest, 6) Social Rest, and 7) Spiritual Rest. Dalton-Smith writes: "We go through life thinking we've rested because we have gotten enough sleep — but in reality we are missing out on the other types of rest we desperately need. The result is a culture of high-achieving, high-producing, chronically tired and chronically burned-out individuals. We're suffering from a rest deficit because we don't understand the true power of rest."

My fear of disappointing others (a.k.a. "people pleasing") is heightened when I am not getting enough emotional rest, social rest, or spiritual rest. It's easy for me to get out of balance if I don't find time to sit with my own thoughts, to pray and be in God's presence, and to immerse myself in silence for a period of time. I'm learning that not creating space for reflection can make it harder for me to be present for others.

How about you? If you're interested, click on the link to read this article. Or, you can watch Sandra Dalton-Smith's TED talk video at the end of the article. Does any of it resonate with you? What connections do you see with Jesus withdrawing from the disciples and the crowds to pray and rest? Can rest be a spiritual discipline?

Pondering along with you...

Sue